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**Amendment F**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 9 April 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

**Claims:**

Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 121 to 140, as follows.

121. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a slidable blocking means to block said firing element;
- b. a connecting means which connects said slidable blocking means to said trigger;

characterized in that said slidable blocking means performs at least one additional function.

122. The passive safety mechanism of claim 121 wherein said blocking means provides a bearing surface for a triggerbar.

123. The passive safety mechanism of claim 121 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.